

1 **COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if several names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR DETECTING LEAK BEFORE RUPTURE IN A PIPELINE

- ☒ the specification of which is attached hereto OR
☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____
☐ or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____
 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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				Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Practitioners at Customer Number 23413 and at Customer Number 30024 all of General Electric Company, and Henry J. Policinski, (Reg. No. 26, 621); and Catherine Winter, (Reg. No. 38,364) all of General Electric Company, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06431-0001, jointly, and each of them severally, my/our attorney(s) or agent(s), with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, statements were made with the knowledge that willfully false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that all such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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